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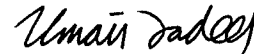
Applicant : Masato Mitsuhashi
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Filed : March 9, 2004
For : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HIGH-
THROUGHPUT QUANTIFICATION
OF MRNA FROM WHOLE BLOOD
Examiner : Frank Wei Min Lu
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Conf. No. : 9108

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2009**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.